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For: METHOD AND APPARATUSES)
FOR COMPRESSION AND)
RECONSTRUCTION OF)
ANIMATION PATH USING)
LINEAR APPROXIMATION)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly add the following paragraph on page 1, after the title of the invention and before the "Background of the Invention," --Priority is claimed to Patent Application Numbers 2000-70090, filed in the Republic of Korea on November 23, 2000 and 2001-40704 filed in Republic of Korea on July 7, 2001, herein incorporated by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the DPCM quantization is coding the difference between a current value and the immediate previous value, or is coding the difference between a current value and an approximated value which is obtained by adding the immediately previous value to the difference between the immediately previous value and the previous value thereof.

Kindly add claim 21 as follows:

--21. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the DPCM quantization is coding the difference between a current value and the immediate previous value, or is coding the difference between a current value and an approximated value which is obtained by adding the immediately previous value to the difference between the immediately previous value and the previous value thereof.--

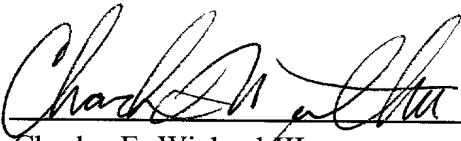
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REMARKS

A change has been made to the specification by the above amendments. Claim 7 has been amended and claim 21 has been added to remove multiple dependency. Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment to Preliminary Amendment

Marked-up copy of Claim 7

7. (Amended) The apparatus of [any one of] claim 3 [or claim 4], wherein the DPCM quantization is coding the difference between a current value and the immediate previous value, or is coding the difference between a current value and an approximated value which is obtained by adding the immediately previous value to the difference between the immediately previous value and the previous value thereof.

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